CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A device for severing a hollow profile, shaped according to ~~the~~ an internal high pressure forming process, transversely to ~~its~~ a longitudinal extent of the hollow profile, comprising:

an inner wall defining an encircling recess for surrounding the hollow profile,

an encircling cutting edge ~~which is~~ arranged in or at ~~an~~ the encircling recess, ~~formed in an inner wall of the device,~~ and

sealing elements provided on the inner wall,

wherein at least one of said sealing ~~element~~ elements is arranged ~~in each case~~ on ~~both sides~~ each side of and parallel to the cutting edge.

12. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the encircling recess is of wedge-shaped design in profile.

13. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the recess is configured ~~in such a way that it expands~~ to permit expansion of the hollow profile in a region of the recess during severing.

14. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cutting edge is formed at a transition ~~between~~ of the inner wall ~~and~~ to the recess.

15. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the cutting edge either is designed as an interchangeable parting blade or forms an integral part of the inner wall.

16. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one of the sealing elements is formed from plastic.

17. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the inner wall has at least one receptacle, into which at least one of the sealing elements is inserted.

18. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sealing elements conceal the cutting edge and do not release the ~~latter~~ cutting edge until during deformation.

19. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the sealing elements are arranged on both sides of the recess.

20. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the device is dimensioned in such a way that the hollow profile is severed at a calibrating pressure at which a hollow profile blank bears completely against the inner wall.

21. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the plastic is an elastomer.

22. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the recess is configured ~~in such a way that it expands~~ to permit expansion of the hollow profile in a region of the recess during severing.

23. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the cutting edge is formed at a transition ~~between~~ of the inner wall ~~and~~ to the recess.

24. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the cutting edge is formed at a transition ~~between~~ of the inner wall ~~and~~ to the recess.

25. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one of the sealing elements is formed from plastic.

26. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one of the sealing elements is formed from plastic.

27. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein at least one of the sealing elements is formed from plastic.

28. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one of the sealing elements is formed from plastic.

29. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the inner wall has at least one receptacle, into which at least one of the sealing elements is inserted.

30. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the inner wall has at least one receptacle, into which at least one of the sealing elements is inserted.